

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

FEATURES OF THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO-MORROW.

Reopening of Center Church—The Church Organ Rebuilt—The New Era—Praise Service and Other Services at Dwight Place Church—Praise Service at First M. E. Church—Coming Christian Endeavor Union Meeting—Other Notes.

Center church will reopen to-morrow and Rev. Dr. Smyth, who has just returned from his summer vacation, will preach. During the summer the organ of the church has been rebuilt, and is now in first class condition. The afternoon devotional exercises will be resumed on the first Sunday in October.

Center church is making preparations for more elaborate musical features in their Sunday services during the next year, and are now arranging for a double quartet.

The regular quartet which sang at the church last season will continue to sing, and another is to be secured and candidates for the positions are now being examined.

The regular quartet are Mrs. Alice Fechter-Gilbert, soprano; Miss Madge Roberts, contralto; W. B. Moyle, tenor, and Edward Leopold, bass. Dr. Griggs of the Metropolitan College of Music of New York, who directed the choir last year, will continue in the position. The new quartet have not all been selected as yet, but Miss Grace Ritter has been chosen as contralto.

It is the intention of the church to make still more of a feature of their vesper service Sunday afternoon. There will also be special work with the modern English church music, which cannot be satisfactorily done by a quartet. The unaccompanied motet will also be a feature of the vesper service.

It is thought that the new quartet will be decided upon in a short time, as the vesper service will be renewed at the church in October.

AT DWIGHT PLACE CHURCH.

It will be rally day to-morrow at this church. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Twitchell, will preach in the morning on "The Hope of Glory." There will be a rally of the Bible class, main department, at 12 o'clock, and of the primary department at 2:30 p. m. In the evening a praise service will be given with a program, as usual, of much interest, and the chorus choir will assist. After to-morrow the usual Sunday service will be held.

PRAISE SERVICE AT FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

The September praise service will be given by the choir of the First M. E. church to-morrow evening at 7:30. Subject, "God's Promises." Music as follows:

To Do: "The Lord is My Shepherd".....Buck

The Lord is My Shepherd.....Strong

Come Unto Me.....Schnecker

O Lamb of God.....Brewer

Rock of Ages.....The Shepherd

How Firm a Foundation.....Koschut

The Radiant Morning.....Woodward

THE NEW ERA.

"The New Era" will be the subject of Rev. W. F. Dickerman's discourse in the Church of the Messiah Sunday morning. There will be no evening service. The public cordially invited. Work has been begun on the projected alterations in the church. The new organ will soon be placed near the pulpit, and the other contemplated changes made.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION.

The seventy-first meeting of the Christian Endeavor union of New Haven will take place at the Dwight Place Congregational church next Wednesday evening, the exercises beginning at 7:45. The program will be as follows:

7:45—Organ prelude.

7:50—Hymn.

7:55—Scripture and prayer, Rev. J. E. Twitchell, D. D.

8:05—Hymn.

8:10—Business.

a—Minutes.

b—New business.

c—President's report.

d—Secretary and treasurer's report.

8:27—Roll call and competition for banner.

8:42—Recess—Assembling hymn, Onward Christian Soldiers.

8:47—Remarks on Christian workers' convention; Rev. John C. Collins, secretary.

8:55—Address, Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins, Jr., Providence, R. I.

9:20—Report of nominating committee.

9:23—Election of officers for ensuing year.

9:28—Hymn and benediction.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the meeting of the Young Men's Christian association at the rooms, 713 Chapel street, Captain White and lieutenants of the Salvation army will give addresses. All men are cordially invited to be present.

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, WEST HAVEN.

Rev. Father Curtin, with the assistance of James F. Brennan and Theodore Durkin, organized a new temperance society in St. Lawrence parish, West Haven, Thursday night. There were thirty-five present and every one signed as charter member. Father Curtin has been a pastor of this church only five months and during that time has fitted out the church in elegant style, including an excellent organ. He has hired Thomas Burke as organist. During the coming month he will give a one night festival in town hall.

THE CITY MISSIONS.

The usual Sunday services will be held to-morrow at 9 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7:30 p. m., at the City Mission hall, corner Court and State streets. The morning session is for the Sunday school and closes in season for morning service at the churches. Additional teachers are very much needed at the Sunday school at the present time. Mr. F. E. Hartshorne will speak to-morrow evening at the people's service and the attendance of Christian people is requested to assist in the meeting and become acquainted with strangers.

Miss East (at an Oklahoma ball)—Pardon me for treading on your toe, sir. Alkali Ike (gallantly)—Not a tail, moan! Not a tail, I assure you! Pardon me for havin' a toe—Puck.

VALKYRIE SOON OFF.

To Return to England—Preparations Already Begun—The Whys and Wherefores.

New York, Sept. 12.—The Valkyrie is to start to return to England as soon as she can be made ready. The challenger was towed to the Erie Basin this morning, followed by the City of Bridgeport with Mr. Glennie aboard. The Bridgeport was fast to a dock near the Valkyrie. Lord Dunraven was not on board of her to-day. He came to New York immediately after the race and remained all night.

Rear Commodore Glennie was alone on the little steamboat. He was in a rather gloomy humor but, as usual, greeted the reporters who called upon him pleasantly.

"What are the plans for the Valkyrie?" was asked of him.

"We are getting her ready for sea now," he replied. "The men are stripping her and will equip her with the jury rig she carried along."

When asked when Lord Dunraven would return to England, and what his plans were, Mr. Glennie said that he had not the remotest idea.

He had not seen Lord Dunraven since yesterday afternoon.

The America's cup stays in America, but what had promised to be the most interesting and exciting series of races ever sailed for it has turned out to have been the most unsatisfactory. The one thing proved, even to the loyal British sympathizer, is that Defender is the better boat, and that, after all, was what the races were sailed to show.

But the mess of complications arising from the 1895 international contest is more earnestly deplored by everybody who has the slightest interest in yachting. Only one race of the three was a clean cut satisfactory match, the first one. Then came Valkyrie's fouling of Defender, Mr. Iselin's protest, the consequent disgruntlement of Lord Dunraven at the committee's decision, and yesterday's fiasco to cap the climax.

Lord Dunraven was not the subject of any too favorable criticism yesterday, but had the thousands who went out to sea in the morning, expecting to view a good race and eagerly watching the movements of the boats before the starting gun was fired, known that the Valkyrie's people never intended to sail her there would have been less talk of the British love of sportsmanship and the British bulldog pertinacity in never giving up.

Lord Dunraven says that he didn't sail because the regatta committee wouldn't promise him that the course would be kept clear of excursion boats. Lord Dunraven's letter to the cup committee printed yesterday wasn't delivered promptly, but Lord Dunraven and the committee came together on Wednesday night and talked it over. The committee promised him orally to use its best endeavors to keep the course clear and to postpone the start if it were found that the excursion fleet was in the way. Lord Dunraven went away, and as soon as he got to his hotel, he sat down and wrote the following letter:

429 Fifth Avenue, Sept. 11, 1895.

Dear Mr. Canfield: I have just received your letter. I regret to have been engaged at the time you and Mr. Buck were kind enough to call at the Waldorf. I could not then give a decided answer to the proposition made in our short conversation.

"I have since considered the matter carefully. Your proposal to postpone the start until we have sufficient room meets only one out of more serious difficulties mentioned in my letter of the 10th, and if no solution can be found to those difficulties I must adhere to my decision as expressed in that letter.

"I am fully convinced that the committee have done, and would do to-morrow all in their power to keep a clear course; but under existing circumstances they are powerless. As I told you, I would sail if the committee would take it upon themselves to declare the race to-morrow void, if, in their judgment, either vessel were interfered with by steamers or tugboats.

"I regret that you are unable to agree to that. I regret also that the race fixed for to-morrow could not be postponed, in order to give the committee ample time to consider my former letter, and I am sorry my letter was not delivered to you sooner.

"As I explained to you, I was under the impression that the cup committee heard the protest; and, pending a decision, I did not think it right to place the letter in the hands of the press.

"When I heard this morning that the cup committee had nothing to do with the protest, I requested Mr. Kersey, to whom I had entrusted the letter, to hand it to you.

"In case you do not receive this tonight I will take Valkyrie to Sandy Hook Lightship to-morrow morning, and will cross the line to give Defender a start.

"I enclose copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Iselin, and addressed to the New York Yacht club. Yours very truly, DUNRAVEN."

The committee had no time to send a formal reply to this. It made known its position by posting the following last night on the bulletin board in the club house immediately under the letter of the 10th:

"All the propositions of the above letter were discussed between Lord Dunraven and the members of the cup committee at 9 o'clock last Wednesday evening. The answer given to these conditions was as follows:

"First—That it was impossible at so short a notice to postpone the race fixed for to-day, September 12.

"Second—That the race would not be started until a clear space for manoeuvring was secured.

"Third—That the committee could not assume the responsibility of agreeing to declare the race void if either vessel suffered from the accompanying steamers.

"The committee regret that they were unable to send an answer this morning. However, as their reply would have been the same as that conveyed verbally last night, the fact of no answer having been made is unimportant.

"Signed for the committee:

"JAMES D. SMITH, "Chairman.

"A. CASS CANFIELD, "Secretary."

Then Dunraven went out to the Sandy Hook Lightship with intent of sailing, and didn't sail. He saved himself another defeat, but American

NO MATCH FOR HER.

How the Peck Vanquished the Lowell. A fuller account of the way the steamer Richard Peck vanquished the City of Lowell on Thursday is as follows:

Throughout the day Thursday the Lowell hung tenaciously to the quarter of the Peck as both steamers loitered by the side of the Defender outside of Sandy Hook, racing against herself. As the Peck changed her position so did the Lowell, and it was evident that the captain of the Norwich liner did not intend to lose the chance to vanquish his rival on the homeward run.

Conditions were good for the race, as the excursion fleet was well split up owing to the yacht race fluke, and the course was comparatively clear. At ten minutes to four the New Haven boat hauled up for the channel buoy off Sandy Hook. The Defender had not quite crossed the line. The Lowell did not stop to witness the finish, but was off on the heels of the Peck instantly, about 500 feet astern. Both boats gathered headway and the passengers of both steamers were getting the first excitement of the day.

On rushed both craft, up through Swash channel, the Peck throwing a tremendous wave over the bar and the Norwich steamer turning a tremendous furrow of white from her sharp bow. In five miles the Lowell decreased the distance between the boats by about half, and when the deep water of the Narrows was reached it looked as if she might pass the Peck before the Battery was in sight. The New Haven liner draws the most water and her out question the shoals of the bar was rapidly, which the Lowell had previously closed up.

As the steamers passed Fort Wadsworth the Peck was gaining by inches, but not more. Both boats had every boiler going and were evidently doing their best. No boats got in the way of the racers and the run up the upper bay was exceedingly swift and exciting. The Lowell failed to more than hold her ground at any time, and from the Swash channel up slowly. In a hundred mile run her rate of losing would have brought her about two miles astern of the Peck.

Both boats are very evenly matched. It is evident, but to the spectators who witnessed the race from the shore, the Peck's gait is the strongest and her out question the faster, all winds and weather considered. Both steamers made the run against the strong westerly wind and a head tide. The time from Sandy Hook Lightship to the Battery was 1 hour and 10 minutes. The distance is twenty-five miles.

Professor C. had gone to spend the evening at a friend's house. When he was about to leave it was raining very heavily, wherefore the hostess kindly offered him accommodation for the night, which he readily accepted. Suddenly the guest disappeared, nobody knowing what had become of him, and the family were about to retire for the night, when Professor C. walked in, as wet as a drowned rat. He had been home to fetch his night-shirt!—Tit-Bits.

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